

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 05-08-09**

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Commission Meeting: August 9, 2005, 9:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.state.mt.us>.

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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room)

9:30 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. QWEST SERVICES CORPORATION N2005.5.76 (Scott)

On May 2, 2005, Qwest Communications Corporation filed Tariff Transmittal 05-10, Residence On-Line Ordering Promotion. The Commission granted approval of this promotion on May, 17 2005. On July 29, 2005, Qwest requested that the promotional period be extended from August 29, 2005, to September 30, 2005. The promotion is for residence customers who are connecting service for the first time (New Connect) or who are moving to a new address (Transfer of Service) and who place their order on-line at Qwest's website will receive a \$25.00 Visa Gift Card. This promotion is available on all New Connect or Transfer of Service orders placed on-line

during the promotional period and where facilities are available. Probable Motion: Approve Qwest request to extend the promotion period until September 30, 2005 in Tariff Transmittal 05-10, Docket N2005.5.76, Residence On-Line Ordering Promotion.

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2000.5.64, D2003.10.156, D2004.1.6, D2004.1.7, D2004.3.38, D2004.8.127 – InterBel, 3 Rivers PCS, Triangle, Sagebrush Cellular, Range, VCI – ETC applications – Status of cases, discussion and action on procedures and scheduling. (8/9/05)
2. N2005.8.118 - PSC – Annual ETC certification – Discussion and action on 2005 ETC certification procedure. (8/9/05)
3. D2005.7.110 – Electric City Power (City of Great Falls) – Petition for approval of a small customer supply program and application for a license to serve residential and small business customers – Discuss procedural issues, preliminary action on license application. (8/9/05)
4. D2005.8.116 – NorthWestern Energy – Accounting order for pension expense – Act on NorthWestern Energy's filing. (8/9/05)
5. D2004.7.99, D2004.12.192, D2005.6.106 – NorthWestern Energy – Consolidated gas and electric USBs – Status, discussion and direction on schedule, other matters as necessary. (8/9/05)
6. N2005.6.96, D2005.5.87, D2003.7.86, D2004.6.96, D2005.6.103 – NorthWestern Energy – Protective order process and schedules in identified NorthWestern Energy dockets. (8/9/05)
7. D2005.4.49, D2004.9.145 – Mountain Water Company (MWC) – MWC general rate case; MWC tracker – Update on status in this case; act on MWC request for protective order; get any Commission direction necessary regarding the procedural schedule; discuss whether a quorum will hear this case, and if so, identify the quorum. (8/9/05)
8. Staff out-of-state travel – Obtain approval for (1) Marla Larson to attend the fall CREPC meeting in San Diego Set. 20-21; and (2) Phil Cooke to attend the annual meeting of the NARUC Consumer Affairs Subcommittee in Philadelphia Sept. 24-27. (8/9/05)

Other Meetings

Weekly Scheduling – Will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the Commission Meeting

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.mt.gov/Consumers/comments>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. AT &T Communications N2005.7.112 (Scott)

On July 21, 2005 AT&T filed Tariff Transmittal 2005-10. The purpose of this filing is to make the following changes: add text to clarify that ABN service is provided via a Term Plan Contract which includes a term and revenue commitment, and Introduce rates for new ABN term customers and existing customers that renew their ABN Term plan.

2. Qwest Communications N2005.7.113 (Scott)

On July 21, 2005, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 05-PLT01 revision to Private Line Transport Service. This filing is being made to restructure the rate elements common to the Private Line Transport Service. Customers purchase for most services a Network Access Channel, a Channel Performance, and Transport Mileage but also may purchase optional features by service type. Rather than displaying the rate elements by service type, Qwest is combining the service types under section headers of Network Access Channels, Channel Performances, Transport Mileage Bands and Optional Features. This restructure will not have any customer impact and no rates are revised with the filing.

3. Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana N2005.7.114 (Scott)

On July 29, 2005, Citizens filed advice letter No. MT-05-03 Business Connections new service. The purpose of this filing is to introduce the FrontierWorkssm Business Connections package offering to business customers. The FrontierWorkssm Business Connections package provides business customers a variety of bundled packages to choose from. The FrontierWorkssm Business Connections package will be offered on a contractual basis over a one, two or three year term. The customer may within 90 days of activating the service cancel their contract without incurring an early termination liability charge if they are not satisfied with the service.

Protective Orders – Notice Items The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. The Commission will rule on the requests no earlier than 10 days after the publication date of this agenda. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Any person interested in seeking a copy of a protective order request should contact the Commission at 406-444-6199.

1. NORTHWESTERN ENERGY D2005.5.87 (MARTIN)

On July 25, 2005, NorthWestern Energy (NWE) filed a Renewed Motion for Protective Order in this docket, which is NWE's 2005 annual true-up of monthly natural gas cost trackers, projection of gas costs, and transportation balancing. NWE requests certain information relating to NWE's natural gas purchasing process and purchases (costs, volumes, delivery locations, supply sources, customer load volumes, bids, and so forth) be protected from uncontrolled public disclosure on the bases that the information is trade secret and confidential business information.

Protective Orders – Information Items The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2005.7.111 – Cenex Pipeline, LLC – Proposed Tariff – Montana PSC No. 23

N2005.7.112 – AT&T - Tariff Transmittal 2005-10

N2005.7.113 – Qwest Corporation – Tariff Transmittal 05-PLT01 – Private Line Transport Services Revisions

N2005.7.114 – Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana – Tariff Change – Introduce FrontierWorks Business Connections Package

N2005.8.115 – PSC Initiated – In the Matter of Setting Maximum Allowable Rates for Intrastate Operator Service Providers

D2005.8.116 – NorthWestern Energy – Request for Accounting Order to Recognize Pension Expense in Cost of Service

N2005.8.117 – Powerex Corp. – Application for License to Sell Natural Gas to Industrial Customers in Montana

N2005.8.118 – PSC Initiated – PSC Annual Certification of Montana ETCs